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 NSA 1. FOUR WIVES NINE CHICOM PRISONERS ARRIVED RIO JANUARY 29
 DOD AND PROVIDED LOCAL PRESS, ESPECIALLY OPPOSITION, WITH RATHER
 NIC SENSATIONAL WEEKEND FEATURE STORY. THEY ARE (A) HAN SUZU KUANG;
 SCA (B) YU LING; (C) KENG SHU-FANG; AND (D) SHIH CHU-YING; WHO WERE
 SCS ACCCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETER (E) YU TSAI-CHUN AND CHICOM RED
 RMR CROSS OFFICIAL (F) WANG MIN. VISITORS WERE MET AT AIRPORT
 BY FONOFF OFFICIALS AND POLICE. LATTER REPORTEDLY PREVENTED
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 DEFENSE ATTORNEY SOBRAL PINTO FROM PERSONALLY GREETING LADIES
 AND ENGAGED IN SCUFFLE WITH MEMBERS INDONESIAN EMBASSY WHO THERE
 FOR SAME PURPOSE AND WERE PREVENTED FROM TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS.
 THERE FOLLOWED WILD MOTOR RACE OF FONOFF, POLICE, INDONESIAN
 PAKISTANI AND REPORTERS' CARS FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL GLORIA WHERE
 FURTHER CONFUSION ENSUED. PINTO REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED TO NEWSMEN
 THAT FONOFF AND POLICE ARE RESORTING TO "RIDICULOUS, ARBITRARY
 AND ABSURD" MEASURES TO KEEP WIVES VIRTUAL PRISIONERS IN HOTEL
 SAYING "BRAZIL IS CIVILIZED AND CULTURED COUNTRY, BUT THESE
 INCONSIDERATE ACTS CAN ONLY TESTIFY AGAINST US, AND WE WILL
 BE DESCRIBED IN FOREIGN PRESS AS IGNORANT WILD INDIANS". PINTO
 ALOS REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMEN HE REMAINS AGAINST IDEA OF
 PRESIDENTIAL PARDON FOR CHICOMS AND CONTINUES HOPE FOR ACQUITTAL.
 RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE WANG MIN WAS QUOTED BY NEWSMEN AS
 HAVING DECLARED NINE CHICOMS INNOCENT AND AS SAYING THEIR
 IMPRISONMENT HAS HAD "BAD REPERCUSSIONS NOT ONLY IN CHINA BUT
 IN REST OF WORLD". HOTEL ROOMS OCCUPIED BY VISITORS UNDER
 POLICE GUARD.

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2. ACCORDING TO WHAT LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (ERIC HAEGLER) HAS TOLD PRESS, CHICOM LADIES, WHO WILL BE PERMITTED SEE HUSBANDS FOR FIRST TIME TODAY, HAVE THUS
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FAR REGISTERED NO COMPLAINTS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR VISIT.

3. WEEKEND PRESS ALSO HAS STORY CLAIMING "HIGH OFFICIAL OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE" HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PINTO AND IRC WITH VIEW TO POSSIBILITY EXCHANGING PRISONERS FOR WESTERN MISSIONARIES HELD BY CHICOMS. PINTO HAS DECLINED MAKE PUBLIC CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL THIS REPORT.

4. NEW TRIAL FOR CHICOMS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN MAY OR JUNE.
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